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Continuation of Item No. 11. NOTE: The Applicant's arguments filed 8/8/11 have been considered but are not persuasive. The Applicant first argues that Yano et al teaches a blend of two thermoplastic resins (A) and (B) to adjust the orientation birefringence instead of copolymerizing them as instantly claimed however the Examiner respectfully disagrees and notes that Yano et al clearly teaches that thermoplastic resin A may be a glutar imido based resin that is a copolymer comprising repeating units that read upon instantly claimed formula (1) and instantly claimed formula (2) that may further comprise other monomers including styrene which reads upon instantly claimed formula (3). Hence, Yano et al clearly teaches a copolymer comprising repeating units that read upon all three instantly claimed formulae however as discussed in the prior office action, Yano et al does not specifically teach the amount of styrene or formula (3) repeating units that may be incorporated into the copolymer of glutar imido and methyl (meth)acrylate. However, the Examiner maintains her position that one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to utilize routine experimentation to determine the optimum amount of the additional styrene monomer to incorporate based upon the desired properties, particularly the desired zero orientation birefringence, for a particular end use wherein one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to utilize an amount similar to that disclosed by Yano et al as being suitable for incorporation into other suitable thermoplastic (A) resins, namely 50mol% or less, given the predictable results and reasonable expectation of success.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MONIQUE JACKSON whose telephone number is (571)272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 10:00AM-5:00PM.

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